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Chairman Chuck Grassley
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-6050

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

On January 31, President Donald J. Trump announced his nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. We write to express our strong support for this nomination.

Judge Neil Gorsuch is immensely qualified for this position. He graduated from Harvard Law School and earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Law from University College, Oxford. Judge Gorsuch clerked for Supreme Court Justices Byron White and Anthony Kennedy. Under President George W. Bush, he served as a Deputy Associate Attorney General and was nominated to his current role as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 2006. Judge Gorsuch's Senate confirmation passed by voice vote on July 20, 2006.

On the Court of Appeals, Judge Gorsuch has developed a nationally respected and distinguished judicial record and reputation. He is recognized as a great legal writer with keenly thought out opinions. He has a long record of commonsense decisions that respect the original intent of the Constitution, a document that is at the foundation of American Exceptionalism. He has a great respect for Congress and the rule of law. With his reputation and qualifications, we have no doubt that Judge Neil Gorsuch would be an asset on the Court for years to come.

It is also fitting that Judge Gorsuch has been nominated to replace Justice Scalia. Justice Scalia was a true defender of the Constitution and the God-given rights it enshrines. Upon Justice Scalia's passing, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that the American people would be given a voice in deciding his replacement. On Election Day, the people voiced their demand for a Justice like Judge Gorsuch to replace Justice Scalia.

We urge the United States Senate to confirm Judge Gorsuch.

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